

REMARKS

Claim 27 has been amended to correct the dependency.

In the office action, all claims have been rejected under 35 USC 103 over previously cited Pollack in view of newly cited Wilkinson (7,409,333).

In contention, it is respectfully pointed out that the Wilkinson reference is a continuation

of PCT/GB03/04726 which has an international filing date of November 4, 2003, whereas the present application claims priority from UK 0323635.4 filed October 9, 2003 - earlier than the filing date of the reference.

Accordingly, without admission of relevance of the Wilkinson teaching, applicants hereby assert their priority claim of October 9, 2003, removing Wilkinson as a possible reference under 35 USC 103.

A certified copy of UK 0323635.4 is attached hereto.

Favourable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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